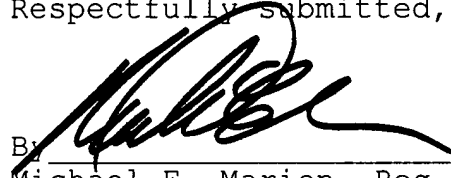


dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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APPENDIX

3. An optical component as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the transparent layer of paraffin is a solid substance at temperatures below 50 °C.

4. An optical component as claimed in claim 1, [2 or 3,] characterized in that the layer of paraffin has a thickness of maximally 200 µm.

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